



EPA's Lower Manhattan Test and Clean Program

CLEANING

PREPARATION FOR CLEANING

If you accept EPA's cleanup offer you will be contacted by the cleaning contractor to schedule a date for a cleanup.

Prepare for cleaning in the same way as sampling by using the list provided in the fact sheet "Preparation for Testing."

In addition, you should:

- discuss your list of objects that cannot be moved or secured, or that require special handling, with the cleanup contractor.
- prepare a written list of items (e.g., certain carpets, soft furnishings or wall coverings) that could be damaged by water so that the cleaning contractor does not use water on those items. You may use the form provided in this package.

Cleaning an apartment or area within a building can take more than one day, depending on the size and complexity of the job.

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Where necessary, cleanups will be conducted with EPA oversight by contractors and workers certified by New York State and New York City.

Your home or building will be cleaned using:

- HEPA vacuums, which are equipped with special filters that can filter out very small particles and fibers such as asbestos instead of re-circulating them like a standard vacuum could.
- water extraction cleaners; commonly known as "steam cleaners."
- wet wipes; a moist cloth used to clean surfaces.

Surfaces to be cleaned include walls, floors, ceilings, ledges, trims, furnishings, appliances, equipment, etc.

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Areas to be HEPA vacuumed include:

- terraces, balconies, exterior window sills, window wells and window guards that are accessible from the interior of the dwelling.
- interior windows, screens, window sills and window guards.
- ceilings, walls and floor.
- carpets (vacuum equipped with a motorized agitator bar will be used to vacuum carpets that cannot be water extracted).
- the first foot of all exhaust duct work (including stove, dryer and bathroom vents) where accessible.
- floors, walls, curtains, fabric window treatments, upholstery and other materials that are not cleaned by wet methods (wet wiping and water extraction cleaning).
- fabric covered furniture that can't be cleaned using water extraction.

Areas to be wiped with a cloth include:

- walls and floors.
- appliances, electrical equipment, and exercise equipment. Mobile appliances and mobile equipment will be moved and cleaned underneath.

Water extraction cleaners will be used on carpets and fabric covered furniture.